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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6732**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 169

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 28, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 27, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Studies.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill permits the Department of Environmental Management to accept electronic signatures. It requires the Department to study the feasibility of using environmental tickets or citations, using electronic permit applications and reports, and expediting the issuance of environmental licenses. The bill also requires the Environmental Quality Service Council to study various aspects of environmental funds.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill imposes additional responsibilities on the Department of Environmental Management and the Environmental Quality Service Council, staffed by the Legislative Services Agency, for the study of various environmental regulatory and administrative issues.

The bill also allows the Department to accept electronic signatures. This provision could increase administrative efficiencies for the Department.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Environmental Management; Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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